

**Provincetown Finance Committee Minutes**  
**March 25, 2013, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Judge Welsh Room, Provincetown Town Hall**

**Members Present:** Tom Donegan, Mike Canizales, Doug Cliggott (remote), Catherine Russo, Gordon Siegel, Duane Steele and Clarence Walker

**Excused Absent:** Tim Grobleski

**Others Present:** Finance Director Dan Hoort, Town Moderator Mary Jo Avellar, Pier Corporation members Leigh Ash and Rich Woods, Harbormaster Rex McKinsey

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Leigh Ash provided an update on the Pier repairs. It is believed that the Pier Corporation can make the repairs for the season by using their capital reserves. FEMA grants, if any, would help to replenish their reserve fund. At this time the agenda item for repairs at Special Town Meeting will be \$300,000. Steele asked about the economic benefit of the Pier to the Town and the number of Provincetown boats at the Pier.

**Mike Canizales moved to have the Finance Committee recommend to the Board of Selectmen that an economic benefit study be part of the Pier article at Special Town Meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clarence Walker.**

Motion passed 4-2-0 (DC, TD)

**Donegan moved to reconsider the Committee's recommendation on article 30. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Canizales.**  
Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Donegan felt because it is a soft recommendation and the numbers are not firm the Committee should withhold the recommendation.

The Finance Committee voted to recommend article 30 by a vote of 4-1-1 (DC, TD)

The Committee reviewed the letter to the voters. Canizales requested scenario 3 be added to include the debt service for article 30.

Town Moderator Avellar sat at the table and answered the question regarding power point presentations at town meeting. There will be no power point presentations other than the summary presentation prepared by staff.

The Committee agreed to the content of the report. Donegan and the Finance Director will wordsmith and fact check the report.

Chairman Donegan mentioned that Gordon Siegal had resigned from the Committee due to his discomfort with the process on article 30.

**Mike Canizales moved to reconsider article 11-12 (DPW Fleet Replacement). 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Cliggott.**  
Motion passed 6-0-0

Committee did not feel that an earlier unanimous 6-0-0 recommendation of the article accurately reflected the misgivings the Committee had about the article.

**Mike Canizales moved to recommend article 11-12 (DPW Fleet Replacement). 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Cliggot.**

Motion failed 1-5-0

Meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Meeting Documents:

- Minutes of March 3 & 5
- Update on warrant articles
- Draft of FinCom Book for town meeting